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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H09-319927, published December 12, 1997.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H11-73467, published March 16, 1999.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H11-339106, published December 10, 1999.

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4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H11-167553, published June 22, 1999.
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-40156, published February 8, 2000..
6. Dokodemo Bank, Nikkei Pasokon, Japan, Nikkei BP Publishing Co., Ltd., May 3, 1999 Vol. 336 Pages 180-181.
7. International Patent Publication No. 98/050875, published November 12, 1998.
8. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H10-312437, published November 24, 1998.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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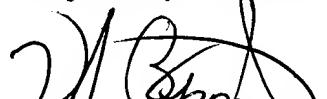
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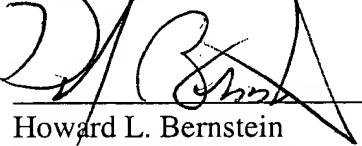
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Claims 1 through 6

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Vol. 336 Pages 180-181.

Remarks

Regarding Claims 1, 2, 4 through 6, 15, 16, and 18 through 20;

As a technology for personal identification without using a card, Prior Art Document 1 discloses a technology in which iris information (which corresponds to the "authorization information" in the subject application) and account information that corresponds to the iris information are registered in the memory of a center terminal (which corresponds to the "database" in the subject application) at a financial facility, which is a facility to provide the service, and upon a transaction, the iris information is extracted to identify the person and then the transaction is carried out. In addition, technologies that make notification of the transaction history (which corresponds to the "fee processing history" in the subject application) only to a designated person through a homepage or an e-mail are publicly known as disclosed in Prior Art Documents 2, 3 and 6. Hence, a person skilled in the art could have easily arrived at the invention of Claims 1, 2, 4 through 6, 15, 16 and 18 through 20 by having a structure that makes notification of the transaction history via e-mail based on the technology disclosed in Prior Art Document 1, which is common for the point of managing the account information on a computer.

Regarding Claims 3 and 17;

Technologies that use fingerprints, voice prints and passwords in authorization technology (for example as disclosed in Prior Art Documents 4 and 5) are publicly known, and therefore it is within the range of design variation for a person skilled in the art to merely using fingerprints, voice prints or passwords in the technology disclosed in Prior Art Document 1, which have in common the fact that personal identification is carried out based on the authorization information.

Regarding Claims 7 through 14 and 21 through 28;

A person skilled in the art could have been easily arrived at the invention, which is an application of the technology disclosed in the above Prior Art Document 1 to authorization at a ticketing gate, a public phone, a hospital window or public agency, which are facilities that are publicly known to use authorization.

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